

What is Claimed is:

1. A gaming machine comprising: variable display means for variably displaying designs in a plurality of rows; and front display means disposed in front of the variable display means, wherein the front display means includes a transparent liquid crystal display panel through which said variable display means is able to be seen, and a light guiding plate for guiding light emitted from a light source to the entire of said liquid crystal display panel; and in the light guiding plate, transparent areas for ensuring the visibility of the variable display of said variable display means are individually formed corresponding to said plurality of rows.

2. The gaming machine according to claim 1, wherein said variable display means is comprised of one or more rotatable reels each having a reel band thereon, on which said designs are drawn.

3. The reel-based gaming machine according to claim 1, wherein said gaming machine is a slot machine.